

Appendix 3

Scrutiny Management Board Briefing from Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee

1.0 Purpose of Update

- 1.1 This report updates Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) on the work of Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of SMB.

2.0 Board Meeting Update

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of Scrutiny Management Board the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee met on 7th October 2019 and considered the following:

- HealthCare for the Future of WNE;
- Cancelled Operations;
- the Mental Health Rehabilitation Service;
- Podiatry Services in North Cumbria; and,
- the Same Day Health Centre at West Cumberland Hospital.

- 2.2 The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 10th December. The Committee will be considering the following:

- Primary Care Networks;
- System Plans;
- Winter Preparedness Plans;
- Recruitment and Retention;
- Vascular Services in North Cumbria; and,
- Digital Records

3.0 Additional Scrutiny activity undertaken by the Board

- 3.1 Meetings between the Lead Health Scrutiny Members and Chief Officers and Chairs of all key Health Partners are taking place on a quarterly basis.

- 3.2 Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and Adults' Scrutiny Advisory Board are having a series of joint meetings to look at areas covering the closer integration of Health and Care Services:

- the Joint Advisory Group met on the 22nd October and focused on Adverse Childhood Experiences and how they impact in later life. It made a number of recommendations to both System Leadership Boards;

- the next meeting of the Joint Health and Adults Advisory group will be considering the county's Dementia profile.
- 3.3 The Joint Cumbria and Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee met on 6th September 2019 and focused on the following services: Community beds, Ophthalmology, ENT, Stroke Services & Reno dialysis. It will meet again in February 2020. For clarification, the existing Committee only scrutinises changes to Health Services for the Morecambe Bay area.
- 3.4 Arrangements are being put in place for the whole of Lancashire and South Cumbria. Lancashire County Council is taking the lead on establishing the Joint Committee. A draft Terms of Reference has been produced which will be considered by the Constitutional Review Group prior to approval by Full Council.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee will continue to scrutinise matters relating to planning, provision and the operation of health services to ensure that decisions reflect local needs. They will also hold health service bodies to account publicly; assist in addressing health inequalities; support continuous improvement of health services and improved partnership working; and ensure that proposals for major changes to health services are equitable, reasonable and reflect local need.

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